



The Rt Hon Theresa May
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to you on behalf of the EU citizens' group the3million.

It has been a very difficult nine months for the three million EU citizens who made the UK their home in good faith and for the 1.2 million UK citizens in Europe. They have suffered in many ways due to the lack of certainty created by the UK's decision to leave the European Union.

Today, you are triggering Article 50 and a two-year period of negotiations with the European Union will commence.

We simply cannot face another two years of uncertainty and anxiety. We are asking your government and the European Union to jointly shoulder responsibility and decouple citizens' rights from the main negotiations so we can get resolution and peace of mind.

This is particularly important as the3million met senior officials from the Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU) and from the Home Office in London last week; we were told that nothing would happen until a deal is signed.

Yesterday, we met with Michel Barnier in Brussels who told us that citizens' rights must be resolved first. We call on you to make the same pledge and would welcome an invitation to No.10 to have a similar conversation.

People deserve dignity so they can continue to live their lives as normal.

Yours sincerely,

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